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RE: FOIA Request #BCFP-2019-0173-F

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Dear Mr. Gottinger:

Please be advised that the BCFP FOIA Office has a backlog of pending FOIA requests. We are diligently working to process each request in the order in which it was received. Your patience is greatly appreciated.

This letter is to inform you that on December 6, 2018, the Bureau of Consumer Financial Protection (BCFP) received your Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request dated December 6, 2018. Your request sought:

All e-mails sent from or received by any government or personal e-mail accounts used by the Office of Management and Budget's Director John M. Mulvaney that contain the keywords "Allied Progress"

As it relates to your fee waiver request, your request will be held in abeyance pending the quantification of responsive records. The BCFP Interim FOIA regulations, set forth six factors to examine in determining whether the applicable legal standard for a fee waiver has been met: (1) Whether the subject of the requested records concerns "the operations or activities of the government;" (2) Whether the disclosure is "likely to contribute" to an understanding of government operations or activities; (3) Whether disclosure of the requested information will contribute to the understanding of the public at large, as opposed to the individual understanding of the requestor or a narrow segment of interested persons; (4) Whether the contribution to public understanding of government operations or activities will be "significant;" (5) Whether the requester has a commercial interest that would be furthered by the requested disclosure; and (6) Whether the magnitude of any identified commercial interest to the requestor is sufficiently large in comparison with the public interest in disclosure, that disclosure is primarily in the

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commercial interest of the requestor. If any responsive records are located, we will consider these factors in our evaluation of your request for a fee waiver.

You have been determined to be a media requester and provisions of the FOIA allow the BCFP to recover part of the cost of complying with your request. You will be charged for the duplication (after the first 100 pages) costs in accordance with the BCFP Interim FOIA regulations as applicable to media requestors. The BCFP's FOIA Fee Schedule may be viewed at [www.consumerfinance.gov/foia-requests/fee-schedule/](http://www.consumerfinance.gov/foia-requests/fee-schedule/). **You did not indicate in your request a specific amount you were willing to pay. Therefore, in accordance with our regulations, your submission of a FOIA request is construed as an agreement to pay up to \$25.00.** You will be contacted in the event there are additional fees related to the processing of your request beyond this amount.

For inquiries concerning your request, please reference the FOIA request number above and contact our FOIA Public Liaison at [foia@consumerfinance.gov](mailto:foia@consumerfinance.gov) or by phone at 1-855-444-FOIA (3642).

Sincerely,

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